

OBSERVER REPORT
ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
8/11/08

Observer: Sue Brady

Meeting began: **5:50** (scheduled for 5:30-7:30) Ended: 7:30

Aldermen Present: Hansen (chair), Wollin, Holmes, Rainey: absent-Jean-Baptiste
In audience-Tisdahl, Wynne

Staff: Assorted

Media: Roundtable, Review, TV-WGN, ABC, FOX (all present for Weapons Ordinance)

Significant Discussion/Action

- Two permissions for liquor licenses: Bravo (replacing Wolfgang Puck restaurant near theaters) Jamaca, Jamaca-1512 Sherman
- One year approval to use Holes 9,17,18 on Evanston/Wilmette golf course for five home day football games at NU
- Approval for funding of several police/fire station improvements. Aldermen very discontent with piecemeal requests-want a full report from staff
- Solid Waste Franchise: approved after months of research and discussion one single franchise company to pick up waste and recycling from large residential and businesses. Noteworthy are rental buildings will finally be covered with recycling. Only large entities (NU, ENH, St Francis) excluded; can opt in if they wish. Contract is for seven years. This is very important step for City, despite some disagreement from business owners
- Approved ordinance to allow City Manager to negotiate sale of Montessori School to Montessori. Sales price appears to be \$ 2,1 000; covenant will not allow building to be sold except to another educational institution. Public Hearing mandated after ordinance is passed. School will still have to apply to zoning board for permission to tear down annex and take over circa 1,500 square feet of park land
- Approved Weapons Ordinance to comply with Supreme Court ruling. Very limited discussion (TV people must have been very disappointed). Tisdahl voted against because new ordinance did not mandate child safety locks in any house that had a gun. Legal counsel and aldermen seemed united in getting out of NRA law suit but the new ordinance did the minimum necessary to do this.